



National Seminar on Development/Global Education

“Setting the national framework for development education in Romania”

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THE ROMANIAN NGDO PLATFORM - FOND

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The Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND) has as main objective to support a responsible and effective involvement of Romanian civil society and Government in international development cooperation and humanitarian aid. To this concern, FOND is a partner for the Romanian Government and the MFA in their process to implement the policy for international development cooperation.

The platform's strategy involves supporting and developing awareness campaigns targeted both for the general public and for the public institutions involved in programming and giving assistance for development and relief. Moreover, FOND tries to work in close contact with organizations and local experts from the older and newer EU member states. In order to achieve all these objectives, FOND aims to develop its members' capacity and to establish the framework for dialogue and real partnership with all the relevant national governmental institutions and European actors.

FOND is a platform of 41 Romanian NGOs that expressed their wish and intention to be actively involved in programs and projects related to international development cooperation. A fundamental reason in establishing the platform is the new responsibility that Romania has as a new member state. Once part of the EU, the Romanian civil society is supposed to return the help it had received during the accession process and be actively involved in giving assistance to the poorest countries.

FOND Development Education Working Group is one of the three working groups of the Romanian NGDO Platform. Its members meet regularly to discuss future activities, policies in this field and also raising awareness on global issues such as the Millenium Development Goals and governmental support for this initiatives.

In 2009, the Development Education Summer School (DESS) was organized in Romania by PATRIR (FOND member) with DEEEP (Development Education Exchange in Europe Project) in partnership with European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD). The title of the Summer School was "Recognizing, motivating, engaging young People as Actors in Development Education, Campaigning, Advocacy"¹.

¹ <http://www.fondromania.org/eng/pagini/index.php>

FOND MEMBERS:

- Civil Society Development Foundation
- CENTRAS
- CARITAS Romania Confederation
- Save the Children Romania
- Center for Rural Assistance
- The Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania
- Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)
- Partners Foundation for Local Development
- World Vision Romania
- The Citizens Advice National Bureau Association
- Synergetica Foundation
- “AUR” - The Human Resource Specialists National Association
- Contraceptive and Sexual Educational Society
- The Center for Health Policies and Services
- Pro Foundation
- The “Close to You” Romanian Foundation
- ARCA - Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants
- CREST Resource Center
- Media Monitoring Agency
- Pro Democracy Association
- Alba Afroda Association
- Foundation for Democratic Change
- ADO SAH ROM
- Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family
- Euro-Asia Promotion and Cultural Foundation
- „Târgoviște towards Europe” Association
- Association of Francophone Students
- Association for Conservation of Protected Bio-Cultural Areas
- Opportunity Associates
- Estuar Foundation
- „Ana” Foundation Suceava
- „Star of Hope” Romania Foundation
- Free Youth Organization Botoșani
- Association for European Integration „Repere
- ARTFusion Association
- Institute for Public Policies
- Youth for the Future 2006
- Joseph Foundation
- CeRe-Resource Center for Public Participation
- ProVobis- The National Volunteer Center
- The Roma and Minorities Policy Center

Global/Development Education in Romania

The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is the coordinator of the national policy for development cooperation and maintains regular dialogue with other relevant ministries, different governmental institutions and representatives of the civil society and private sector. FOND represents an official partner of the Romanian MFA and gives recommendations on the national policy for development cooperation. Awareness raising and Development Education are regarded as “an integral part of Development Policy”, as mentioned in the National Strategy on International Development Cooperation Policy². Also in this document, it is stated that “Romanian public awareness campaigns will be carried through in line with the recommendations of the EU Conference on Awareness Raising and Development Education held in Bruxelles, in May 2005”.

The Romanian MFA financed last year a national awareness raising campaign on the Millenium Development Goals, in five major cities in Romania. This initiative was part of the programme “Strengthening the national institutional and educational capacity to carry out ODA programmes/projects” (SNIECODA)³ financed by the Romanian MFA and coordinated by UNDP Romania. This campaign was implemented by four FOND members, active in FOND Development Education Working Group.

The Romanian Ministry of Education, Youth, Research and Sport is another important actor in the field global education. Since 2001, representatives of the Ministry attended different important international events on this topic and organized in 2006 the International Seminar on Global Education. The Romanian Ministry of Education also has a national coordinator of the global education programme, which actively supports FOND in organizing the National Seminar on Development/Global Education “*Setting the national framework for development education in Romania*”, which will be held in Bucharest on 22nd and 23rd April 2010.

² http://www.mae.ro/poze_editare/2006.03.30_Strategia_eng.pdf (English version)

³ http://www.undp.ro/projects.php?project_id=51

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Organisers:

FOND Working Group on Development Education with support of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.

Objectives:

- raise awareness on development education among key governmental and non-governmental actors;
- exchange information, good practice and explore possibilities of cooperation among relevant stakeholders in development education;
- present the European context on development education and how it can be reflected at the national level;
- evaluate the perspective of establishing a multi-stakeholder process in charge with elaborating a national strategy on development education.

Target Group:

- The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- The Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports;
- Local authorities;
- NGOs working in development education;
- Academic field;
- Mass-media;
- Public (students....).

Date:

22nd and 23rd April 2010, Bucharest.

Languages:

Romanian and English.

Expected Outcomes/Results:

- improved knowledge on key concepts in global/development education.
- sharing best practices and information regarding the projects on global/development education implemented by European and national stakeholders.
- initiating a dialogue among relevant actors and lay the foundation for a multi-stakeholder process having as main objective the elaboration of a national strategy on development education.

Draft Agenda

Day I

9.30 - 10.00 Registration of Participants.

10.00 - 10.30 Welcome Remarks:

- Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND)

10.30 - 11.45 A theoretical approach on development/ global education concepts:

- Development Education - Tobias Troll (DEEEP) - 20 min
- Global Education - Kasia Szeniewska (GLEN) - 20 min
- Global/Development Education (the combination of the 2 concepts) - North-South Center - 20 min

- Q & A - 30 min

11.45 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 Good practices in the field of development education in Europe:

- Joint Management Agreement EC-NSC for promoting global/development education in the new EU member States
- Presentation of development education framework in other EU member countries: Finland and Poland
- Presentation of DEEEP - Tobias Troll (DEEEP)

- Q & A - 30 min

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 - 16.00 Financial opportunities for development education projects

- European Union, North-South Center, the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16.00 - 16.45 Market place

stands where FOND members and other NGO's or institutions involved in development/global education can exhibit their materials and give information to the participants at the seminar.

16.45 -17.00 Closing Remarks - Day I

Day II

9.30- 11.00 The current situation in Romania in terms of development/global education:

- Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport speaker - initiatives/ projects
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs speaker - development education as a component in the development cooperation national policy
- FOND speaker - NGO's activities in the field/ development education projects

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 12.00 Presentation of the Open Space method

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch Break

13.00 - 15.30 Open Space

15.30 -16.00 Recommendations from the groups and Conclusions

Relevant documents:

European level:

1. Maastricht Global Education Declaration - European Strategy Framework for improving and increasing global education in Europe to the year 2015

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEggs-app1.pdf>

2. Global Education Guidelines - a handbook for educators to understand and implement global education

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEguidelines-web.pdf>

3. Global Education Charter

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEgs-app2.pdf>

4. Joint Management Agreement: North-South Center

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/UE-NSC_agreement_en.pdf

5. The European Consensus on Development

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/European_consensus-en.pdf

6. Summaries of present situation of global development education in the new EU member States

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/UE-NSC-KO-GDEcountry-profiles.pdf>

7. Global Education recommendations:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/CM_Rec_GE_en.pdf

National level:

1. National Strategy on international development cooperation policy

English version:

http://www.mae.ro/poze_editare/2006.03.30_Strategia_eng.pdf

2. The research paper "*It's our turn to help - Development cooperation in Romania*", regarding development cooperation issues in Romania. The paper was prepared by Mirela Oprea (FOND Board Member/ World Vision Romania) and Rodica Novac (ADO SAH Romania)

English version: <http://www.fondromania.org/eng/pagini/index.php>

3. Global Education : methodological approach

Romanian version:

http://www.calificativ.ro/_files/Image/news/upload//reper_metodologic.pdf